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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

LAUSTEVEION JOHNSON,

Plaintiff

v.

DAVID WILLIS, et al.,

Defendants

Case No.: 2:17-cv-01121-APG-DJA

**Order Rejecting Proposed Joint Pretrial
Order**

[ECF No. 56]

The parties' proposed Joint Pretrial Order (ECF No. 56) does not comply with Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4. In their respective exhibit lists, each party lists "[a]ny and all exhibits produced throughout this litigation" and "[a]ny and all exhibits that may support the statements of fact and law cited herein and to rebut [the other party's] statements, claims, and testimony." ECF No. 56 at 6. Local Rule 16-3(b)(8) requires parties to list their trial exhibits, and "describe the exhibits sufficiently for ready identification" The parties' failure to list their specific exhibits makes it impossible for the parties to object to each other's exhibits, as required by Local Rule 16-3(b)(8)(B).

In their list of witnesses, the defendants list "[a]ny and all other witnesses that have personal knowledge supporting Defendant's statement of fact or law cited herein." ECF No. 56 at 7. This attempt to reserve the right to call literally anyone at trial violates Local Rule 16-3(b)(12).

Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4 are designed to streamline trial preparation and presentation, and to foster settlement. The parties cannot simply wait to make trial decisions until the eve of trial. Such tactics prevent full participation in settlement discussions and deprive the other side

1 the ability to efficiently prepare for trial. It is apparent from the proposed Joint Pretrial Order
2 that the parties ignored Local Rule 16-3.

3 I THEREFORE ORDER that the parties' Joint Pretrial Order (**ECF No. 56**) is
4 **REJECTED**. The parties shall confer as required in Local Rule 16-3 and submit a Joint Pretrial
5 Order that complies with Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4 by July 22, 2020.

6 DATED this 1st day of July, 2020.

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9 ANDREW P. GORDON
10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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